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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR THE AMBASSADOR

- 1. PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT GEISEL. IF RECIPIENT NOT AVAILABLE, DELIVER TO HIGHEST OFFICIAL AVAILABLE.
- 2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I AM SURE THAT YOU ARE AWARE THAT ONLY A GRAVE CRISIS COULD HAVE LED ME TO ASK SECRETARY KISSINGER TO POSTPONE HIS LONG PLANNED TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA. THE TURN OF EVENTS IN INDOCHINA LEFT ME NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO ASK THE SECRETARY TO REMAIN IN WASHINGTON.

I HOPE THAT YOU WILL PARDON THIS ACTION AND ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES FOR THE PERSONAL INCONVENIENCES I KNOW IT HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CAUSED YOU IN REARRANGING YOUR SCHEDULE.

BECAUSE OF THE GREAT IMPORTANCE I ATTACH TO OUR RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL I HAD ASKED SECRETARY KISSINGER TO CONVEY TO YOU PERSONALLY THE COMMITMENT OF MY GOVERNMENT TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE TRADITIONAL TIES OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH

BIND THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL.

DURING THE COMING GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL BE CONSULTING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA ON A SERIES OF GLOBAL AND HEMISPHERIC ISSUES OF CONCERN TO BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. I ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING MINISTER SILVEIRA AGAIN DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY KISSINGER TO GIVE HIS SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP A HIGH PRIORITY IN HIS FUTURE PLANS.

WITH WARMEST PERSONAL GREETINGS, SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF GOB WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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